

Priorities for a Public Health Research Agenda

Characteristics of Gun Violence

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Want broad RFAs
Investigator initiated topics

Priority 1 (or 1 & 1a & 1b)

- Self-defense gun use
- Deterrence
- Gun Intimidation

1. Self-Defense Gun Use

- Definition, numbers
- Circumstances
- Socially beneficial?
- Effect on sdgu of storage (if lock gun)
- Effect of training (type of training)
- Home invasions
- Justifiable, excusable homicide`
- Aftermath: Traumatic effect if shoot someone

1b Deterrence

- Who, what, when, where....
- Large effect, small effect?
- Effect on criminals (deterrence and/or criminals arm themselves)
- Guns as loot for burglars?
- Effect of gun on owners behavior
- Guns as preserving, threatening democracy?

1b Hostile Gun Displays

- Intimidation, menacing. Our surveys. Pancho & Lefty
- Know almost nothing:
Definition, #s, circumstances, effect, costs,....

2. Characteristics of Gun Violence by PLACE

- Home: rural/urban; gender; high crime/low crime
- Street; open carry, concealed carry
- Schools; School Resource Officers (armed or not)
- Jewelry store; Convenience store, Taxi
- Office Building, parking lots
- National parks

3. Suicide

- Substitution (Will use alternative? Which?)
- Storage matter? For whom? Situations?
- Triggering effect of gun?
- Social norms
- What can gun retailers, gun ranges do?
- Role, effect of physicians, mental health providers